

**§ 2417.204 Where to submit a request.**

(a) Requests or demands for official records or information or testimony under this part must be served on the Office of the Solicitor at the following address: Office of the Solicitor, Federal Labor Relations Authority, 1400 K Street, NW., Suite 201, Washington, DC 20424-0001; *telephone*: (202) 218-7999; *fax*: (202) 343-1007. The request must be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail and clearly marked “Part 2417 Request for Testimony or Official Records in Legal Proceedings.”

(b) A person requesting public FLRA information and non-public FLRA information under this part may submit a combined request for both to the Office of the Solicitor. If a requester decides to submit a combined request under this section, the FLRA will process the combined request under this part and not under part 2411 (FOIA).

**§ 2417.205 Consideration of requests or demands.**

(a) After receiving service of a request or demand for testimony, the FLRA will review the request and, in accordance with the provisions of this part, determine whether, or under what conditions, to authorize the employee to testify on matters relating to official information and/or produce official records and information.

(b) Absent exigent circumstances, the FLRA will issue a determination within 30 days from the date the request is received.

(c) The FLRA may grant a waiver of any procedure described by this part where a waiver is considered necessary to promote a significant interest of the FLRA or the United States or for other good cause.

(d) *Certification (authentication) of copies of records.* The FLRA may certify that records are true copies in order to facilitate their use as evidence. If a requester seeks certification, the requester must request certified copies from the Solicitor at least 30 days before the date they will be needed.

**§ 2417.206 Final determination.**

The Chairman of the FLRA, or the Chairman’s designee, makes the final determination on demands or requests to employees thereof for production of

official records and information or testimony in litigation in which the FLRA is not a party. All final determinations are within the sole discretion of the Chairman or the Chairman’s designee. The Chairman or designee will notify the requester and, when appropriate, the court or other competent authority of the final determination, the reasons for the grant or denial of the request, and any conditions that may be imposed on the release of records or information, or on the testimony of an employee. This final determination exhausts administrative remedies for discovery of the information.

**§ 2417.207 Restrictions that apply to testimony.**

(a) Conditions or restrictions may be imposed on the testimony of employees including, for example:

- (1) Limiting the areas of testimony;
- (2) Requiring the requester and other parties to the legal proceeding to agree that the transcript of the testimony will be kept under seal;
- (3) Requiring that the transcript will be used or made available only in the particular legal proceeding for which testimony was requested. The requester may also be required to provide a copy of the transcript of testimony at the requester’s expense.

(b) The employee’s written declaration may be provided in lieu of testimony.

(c) If authorized to testify pursuant to this part, an employee may testify as to facts within his or her personal knowledge, but, unless specifically authorized to do so by the Chairman or the Chairman’s designee, the employee shall not:

- (1) Disclose confidential or privileged information; or
- (2) For a current employee, testify as an expert or opinion witness with regard to any matter arising out of the employee’s official duties or the functions of the FLRA unless testimony is being given on behalf of the United States (*see also* 5 CFR 2635.805).

(d) The scheduling of an employee’s testimony, including the amount of time that the employee will be made available for testimony, will be subject